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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Raymond Lillback
Serial No. : 10/533,097
Filing Date : April 25, 2006
For : BYPASS VALVE
Group Art Unit : 3753
Examiner : John C. Fox
Attorney Docket No. : 16-170P/US - 1513

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 18, 2009 and prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.